



Vashon-Maury Community Council
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Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 2, 2025

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Location: Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd, and on Zoom

Minutes were taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.

President: Confirm that Zoom Recording, AI Summarization, and Close Captioning all have been initiated.

Call to order, determination of quorum (*a majority of the BOD is required, 4 presently*)

Present:

JC Graham

Nicole Erica Áine

Jennifer Hrachovec

Doug Ostrom

Ann Thorn

Reading of Land Acknowledgment – Nicole Erica Áine

Approve Minutes of *Previous* Board of Directors Meeting: [September 4, 2025](#)

1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Ann Thorn, For: 5, **Passed**

Optional Self-Introductions of New Guests

No guests were present

Finalize agenda for *this* Board of Directors meeting: October 2, 2025.

For: 5, **Passed**

Officer Reports (Approximately 5 minutes each)

- 1. Corresponding Secretary (Jessica Anakar)** - The Sept. 24 Legislative Forum was cancelled. We are hoping that it will be rescheduled.

Jessica reported positive progress on the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, with Councilwoman Mosqueda's office already implementing several requested

changes. Jessica mentioned her involvement in children's activities through the PTO board.

There is a nonprofit roundtable monthly the last Wednesday of the month February through October at the Vashon Library, 12-1pm.

2. Secretary (Jen Hrachovec)

Explore submission of have an *automatic acknowledgement of receipt* after a person submits a membership form.

Explore inclusion of a sector category list, infrastructure categories, or something else to help people pick their *topics of interest*. An action item from the last communications committee meeting was to create interest categories based on prior free text submissions.

3. Treasurer (Ann Thorn)

a. Issue of a correction needing to be made to the 2024 Tax Return — Ann to investigate

b. [The proposed 2026 Budget](#) was discussed and approved.

The board reviewed and approved the 2026 budget with several updates, including corrected insurance fees and MailChimp costs. They discussed a potential \$76 deficit for 2026, which they agreed could be covered by donations.

The board decided to leave out any specific budgeting for the Strawberry Festival at this time, preferring to revisit the issue closer to the event. They also agreed to adopt the budget as amended and send it to the council for the first reading in October, with final passage expected in November.

1st: Doug Ostrom, 2nd: Jen Hrachovec, For: 5, **Passed**

c. Ann outlined remaining steps for the online auction.

The board discussed the online auction platform, addressing concerns about its user interface and credibility. The group agreed to improve the auction's descriptions and add links to restaurant menus. They decided to separate the auction's publicity planning from the communications committee's regular meetings, with a follow-up discussion to be scheduled. The board also noted the need to inform users about scrolling functionality on the auction platform.

The council discussed plans for a gift certificate auction, potentially closing in December before Christmas, and needing to obtain a new certificate from Snapdragon due to expiration. They addressed web donation capabilities through Zephy, with Nicole offering to set up the link once she receives account information.

d. Process to accept web donations by a method other than PayPal is to be determined by Ann and Nicole. Ann to send account information to Nicole to link to the website.

4. President (JC Graham)

The President's Report is provided with the agenda. We need a core group of 25-30 Council Members willing to attend consistently. Please encourage your families' and friends' involvement.

Island Issues Briefing, Introduction to Change Management, or Special Business (if any)

- **Reserved for any emergent issues this month. There were none.**

(10 minutes)

Sector Reports (Approximately 5 minutes each)

For our 2025 Sector Presentations Schedule see Addendum 1.

- **Children and Youth** (~~Ann Thorn~~-Jessica Anakar)
There was discussion about potentially combining the educational and children/youth sectors. Dr Josephine Moccia is the new interim superintendent and is focusing on making a plan to update facilities. She intends for the community to be involved in the selection process. When the selection is narrowed to 3 candidates, perhaps we can invite them to the community council to talk to our members.
- **Seniors and Elderly** (JC Graham)
Maria Glanz is the Executive Director of the Senior Center and will give an island issues briefing to us next month. King County considers someone a senior at age 55 years. Issues include a lack of caregivers, transportation, cognitive decline, downsizing and being able to stay on Vashon-Maury. In 2023, funding from King county accounted for 46% of the center's budget, now those grants account for 31% of the budget. Everyone is welcome. If you are age 55 or older, you can use services at no charge (by donation).

Committee Reports (Estimated 5 minutes each)

- **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee** (Discussion)
Committee is being suspended.
Action: Jen to invite Amy Drayer (Vashon Household) to October council meeting.
- **Communications Committee of the Board** (Jen Hrachovec)
 - [10/9/2025 Minutes](#) (draft)
 - 11/13/2025 Agenda - cancelled
 - Working on integration of WIX with mailchimp, including automated acknowledgement
 - Also plan to add "what we do" tab to website for minutes and committee info

Old Business (Estimated 30 minutes in all)

Reference: [V-MCC Document Approval & Tracking sheet](#)

- **Confirmation of Unanimous Email Votes** (if any): None
- **Update on Trafficking Awareness and Education Roundtable** (Jessica Anakar)
 - Jessica provided an update on the planning process and venue arrangements.
- **Board Approval of the V-MCC Board of Directors Operating Principles**
(See Addendum 3).
1st: Ann Thorn, 2nd: Doug Ostrom, For: 5, **Passed**
- **Document approvals** — Deferred to future meetings, for the sake of time.

New Business (Estimated 30 minutes in all)

- **Opportunity for feedback regarding the September 18 Council Meeting**
- **Approval of: The agenda for October 16 Council Meeting**
For: 5, **Passed**
- **Appointment of Event Manager for the October 16 Council meeting**
Nominee: Doug Ostrom, For: 5, **Passed**
Motion: remove signature blocks. 1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Ann Thorn, For: 5, **Passed**
- **Consideration of whether to hold the December 18 Council meeting.**
Board decided not to bring a recommendation to cancel or not cancel to the October meeting.

- **Planning for November and December Council meetings (for which we cannot use the Heron Room).** (Doug to report on possible availability of Lewis Hall.)

Public Comments/Questions - none

Adjourn No later than 9:00, if at all possible

1st: Ann Thorn, 2nd Nicole Erica Áine, For: 5, **Passed**

Confidential Meeting Evaluation:

1. Are you feeling increasingly confident about the overall performance of the council?
2. Did you feel that you had ample opportunity for input during this meeting?
3. What do you suggest changing - if anything - for future Board of Directors meetings?

Please submit your confidential evaluation to active.deb.vash@gmail.com .

V-MCC President JC Graham can be reached directly at President.V-MCC@proton.me .





Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2025, 6:30 pm (Networking); 7:00 pm (Meeting).

Attachments:

- Agenda for the October 16 Council Meeting: [20251016 Agenda \(V-MCC Council, v2\)](#)

Action Items				
Date created	Date due	Action/due date	Owner	Status
7/3/25		Schedule initial meeting of Technology Watch and Response Advisory Committee and begin recruiting committee members	Nicole Áine	Open ▾
7/3/25		Future council meeting: invite Jennifer Rugby or Martha Woodward from the School Board to present on superintendent search process	Jessica Anakar	Open ▾
7/3/25	11/3/25	Start auction	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
8/7/25	11/3/25	Assess accounting software	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
8/7/25	11/3/25	Organizational packet #2	JC Graham	Open ▾
8/7/25	11/3/25	Web donations	Ann Thorn Nicole Áine	Open ▾
10/2/25	11/3/25	Error on 2025 Tax Return	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
10/2/25	11/3/25	Automated receipt after submitting membership form	Jen Hrachovec Nicole Áine	Open ▾
10/2/25	1/15/25	January council meeting: Invite Amy Drayer from	JC Graham	Open ▾

Action Items

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		Vashon Housing to present		
10/2/25	11/3/25	Add Sector List and BOD Operating Principles to website in such a way that people can comment	Nicole Áine	Open 
			 Person	Clos... 

Addendum 1: 2025 V-MCC Sector Schedule List

Date	Sectors	Liaisons
August 7, 2025	Diversity and Inclusion	Nicole Erica Áine
	Quality of Existence	Nicole Erica Áine, Doug Ostrom, Jen Hrachovec
September 4, 2025	Multi-Generational Islanders	Jessica Anakar
	Culture, Art, History and Recreation	Ann Thorn (esp. Recreation)
October 2, 2025	Children and Youth	Ann Thorn
	Seniors and Elderly	JC Graham
November 6, 2025	Business and Workforce	JC Graham
	Healthcare	Debby Jackson
	Environment	Kevin Jones, Steve Bergman
December 4, 2025	Veterans	JC Graham
	Education	Jessica Annakar, Jen Hrachovec
January 2, 2026	Commuters	JC Graham
	Spiritual Practices	Doug Ostrom

Addendum 2: Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Operating Principles

Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Operating Principles (v3)

Preamble

The Vashon-Maury Community Council serves as a participatory, non-partisan forum for residents to collaboratively address island priorities through advocacy and grassroots action. While we advise governmental partners and advocate for equitable stewardship of shared resources, we hold no statutory authority over public assets. Our role centers on fostering inclusive dialogue, mobilizing community-led solutions, and amplifying islanders' voices—promoting ecological and social resilience for ourselves and future generations. These principles guide our board's commitment to ethical leadership and collective problem-solving that reflects Vashon-Maury's values.

1. Service Orientation & Stewardship

We put the needs, interests, and well-being of the Vashon-Maury community as a whole and the quality of life of its residents at the center of all of our decisions and actions. We advocate for the equitable stewardship of shared resources—natural, social, and financial—through collaboration with residents, organizations, and government partners. We foster responsible management and sustainable practices that preserve ecological and communal vitality. Our focus is on concrete logistical issues affecting Islanders, such as housing, environmental protection, public safety, and transportation, and we advocate for equitable solutions that align with community priorities.

2. Inclusion & Equity

As a non-partisan advocate for equitable treatment, we actively solicit and welcome diverse voices and perspectives—without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, age, income, or political belief—and work to ensure fairness, equal opportunity, and legal protections for all community members, including those unable to attend V-MCC meetings. We apply equity frameworks, such as the GARE toolkit, to assess how decisions impact marginalized groups and advance systemic fairness. We support the Council in addressing issues brought before it to improve conditions for as many islanders as possible.

3. Collaboration & Respect

We work together in a spirit of mutual respect, valuing each person's and organization's contributions, and fostering open, constructive dialogue, solidarity, and effective shared action.

4. Ethical Conduct

We adhere to non-partisan and ethical practice, acting with honesty, transparency, and integrity, adhering to nonprofit and antidiscrimination laws, and resolving conflicts of interest in the community's best interest. We commit to a collaborative good-faith search for shared truth and understanding.

5. Conscientiousness

We have an action orientation, and approach our responsibilities with care, diligence, and a commitment to thoughtful, thorough decision-making and follow-through. We further both the letter and intent of motions

approved by the V-MCC, to the best of our collective ability, and are accountable for those efforts. We commit to evaluating board performance and programmatic impact to ensure equity, refine strategies, and enhance accountability.

These principles guide our board's culture, decisions, and actions, ensuring we serve the whole Vashon-Maury community with integrity and excellence.